Recreational Opportunities

Bird watching - Bicycling - Hiking - Fishing - Picnicking - Outdoor Photography - Wildlife Viewing

Hatchery is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hours are extended from Memorial Day until Labor Day. Hatchery is closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

- Trout fishing is permitted year-round in Lake Taneycomo. Fishing access areas and a public boat launch can be found on the area. Anglers are required to have a Missouri Fishing Permit, except as specified in the Wildlife Code. In addition, anglers need an annual trout permit to keep trout. (Please consult the Wildlife Code Book for special regulations in the upper 3 miles of Lake Taneycomo).
- Guided tours of the hatchery facility begin at the conservation center lobby on weekdays from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Tours begin at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Special Area Rules and Regulations

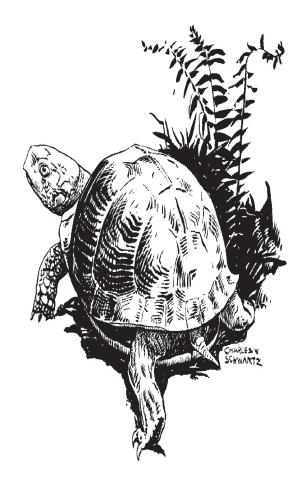
- Fishing is not allowed in the hatchery.
- Hunting is not allowed.
- No littering. Waste containers are may be used only for disposal of trash generated on area.
- No fireworks or open fires.
- Camping is not allowed.
- Dogs must be leashed or confined at all times.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Horseback riding and bicycles are permitted on roads open to vehicles.
- Target shooting is not allowed.
- Swimming, scuba diving and skateboarding are not allowed.
- Area is closed to trapping

Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery is located 6 miles southwest of Branson off Highway 165 near Table Rock Dam.

For local information, contact:

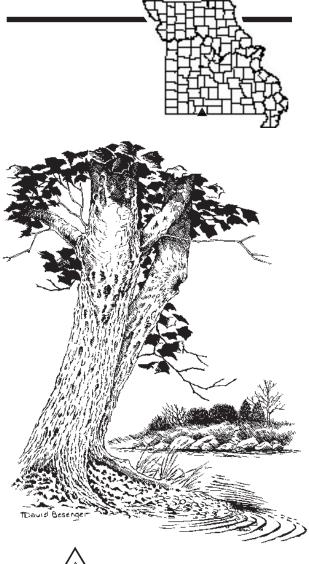
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Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.



(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are from Provision 3CSR 10-4.115 of the Wildlife Code. Free copies of the Wildlife Code and Special Area Regulations are available from the Conservation Department.) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203

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